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Micco Landing Management Area

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The South Florida Water Management District

is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

Our Mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems, and water supply.

For general use rules and regulations governing this property, to visit our Recreational Guide and learn more about Public Use on District lands, or to see the South Florida Water Management District's 40E Rules visit our website at <http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/cdm/lmd/public.html>

Located between Highway 98 and the Kissimmee River in central Florida, more than half of Micco Landing is a drained floodplain marsh that will be restored to its natural state after the completion of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project.

This 1,550-acre property, owned by the South Florida Water Management District, is part of the Kissimmee River Public Use Area and is open year-round for a variety of public uses. The property is home to several hundred Red Brangus cattle, belonging to the grazing lessee and former owner of the property, the Lanier family.

The word "micco" comes from the Seminole language, meaning leader. Micco Landing was originally part of the Pearce family property. John M. Pearce served in the Third Seminole War (1855-1858) and worked as a scout in the Kissimmee Valley surveying Native American activities. In 1875, after serving in the Civil War, he moved his family and prosperous cattle business from Fort Meade to the Kissimmee River and settled here at Fort Basinger. On the southern side of the river he built a log home and set up a steamboat ferry operation at Micco Landing to serve travelers crossing the river. The nearly 100 years of rich Pearce family history in Fort Basinger is evident in the buildings, bridges and local stories they left behind.

Land Stewardship plans for Micco Landing include removal of the grazing cattle, exotic plant control, prescribed burning, cross-fence removal, native groundcover restoration, establishment of a public campground and a looped-hiking trail.

Access

You may access Micco Landing at the trailhead on US Highway 98 in Basinger. You can also reach Micco Landing by boat from the C-38 Canal or the oxbow of the Kissimmee River and by airboat through the Micco Landing airboat port on an oxbow of the Kissimmee River.

Recreational Uses

Approved uses of the property include bicycling, boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, geocaching, hiking, nature study and hunting. No cost special use permits are required for camping and horse-back riding. A license is required to hunt on this property.

Wildlife

Alligator, armadillo, bobcat, common moorhens, coots, coyote, crows, deer, ducks, fish, frog, geese, gray squirrel, hog, mourning doves, nutria, opossum, otter, quail, rabbit, raccoon, rails, skunk, snipe, turkey, white-wing dove, and woodcock are among the species commonly found on the property.

Dates of Hunt Seasons

September 23, 2006 through April 22, 2007. Consult the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Kissimmee River Public Use Area brochure for hunting rules and regulations. Website is <http://myfwc.com/hunting/>

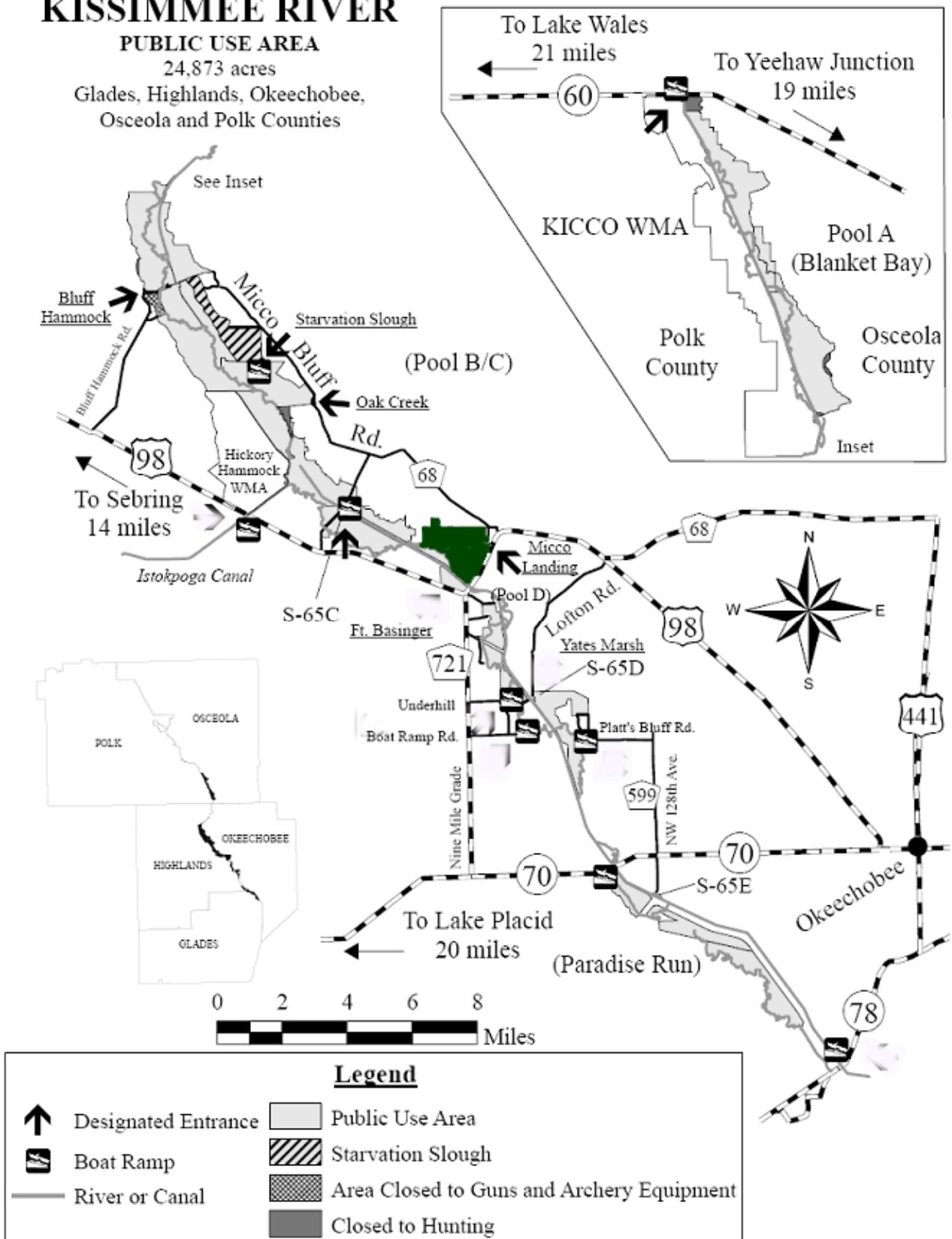


KISSIMMEE RIVER

PUBLIC USE AREA

24,873 acres

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Osceola and Polk Counties



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